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HAving, in my Paper of the 21ſt of *July*, ſhew'd my Diſlike of the ridiculous Cuſtom of garniſhing a new-married Couple, and ſetting a Gloſs upon their Perſons, which is to laſt no longer than the Hony-Moon, I think it may be much for the Emolument of my Diſciples of both Sexes, to make them ſenſible in the next place, of the Folly of launching out into extravagant Expences, and a more magnificent way of Living immediately upon Marriage. If the Bride and Bridegroom happen to be Perſons of any Rank, they come into all Publick Places, and go upon all Viſits, with ſo gay an Equipage, and ſo glittering an Appearance, as if they were making ſo many Publick Entries. But to judicious Minds, and to Men of Experience in this Life, the gilt Chariot, the Coach and Six, the gawdy Liveries, the Supernumerary Train of Servants, the great Houſe, the ſumptuous Table, the Services of Plate, the Embroidered Cloaths, the rich Brocades, and the Profuſion of Jewels, that upon this occaſion break out at once, are ſo many Symptoms of Madneſs in the happy Pair, and Prognoſtications of their future Miſery.

I remember a Country Neighbour of my Lady *Lizard*'s, Squire *Wiſeacre* by Name, who enjoyed a very clear Eſtate of 500*l. per Ann.* and by living frugally upon it, was before-hand in the World. This Gentleman unfortunately fell in Love with Mrs. *Fanny Flippant*, the then reigning *Toaſt* in thoſe Parts. In a Word, he married her; and, to give a laſting Proof of his Affection, conſented to make both her and himſelf miſerable, by ſetting out in the high Mode at Wedlock. He, in leſs than the Space of five Years, was reduced to ſhelter himſelf in Priſon for Debt; and his Lady, with a Son and three Daughters, became a burden to the Parish. The Conduct of *Frank Foreſight* was very diverſe to Squire *Wiſeacre*'s. He had been a Batchelor ſome Years about this Town, in the beſt of Companies; kept a Chariot and four Footmen, beſide Saddle Horſes; he did not exceed, but kept to the utmoſt ſtretch of his Income; but, when he married the beautiful *Clarinda* (who brought him a plentiful Fortune) he diſmiſſed two of his Footmen, four of the Saddle Horſes, and his Chariot; and kept only a Chair for the uſe of his Lady. Embroidered Cloaths and laced Linnen were quite laid aſide; he was married in a plain Drugget, and from that time forward, in all the Accommodations of Life never coveted any thing beyond Cleanlineſs and Convenience. When any of his Acquaintance asked him the Reaſon of this ſudden Change; he would anſwer, 'In a ſingle 'Life I could eaſily compute my Wants, and pro-'vide againſt them; but the Condition of Life 'am now engaged in, is attended with a thouſand 'unforeſeen Caſualties, as well as with a 'great many diſtant, but unavoidable Expences.

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